



## *Charles County Trailblazers Award* **Nomination Guidelines**

The Charles County Commission for Women is proud to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the community in 2016. At our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala on April 23, 2016, we are recognizing women who are residents of Charles County that served as trailblazers in various fields of interest. These trailblazers are women that opened the door for other women to have access to opportunities that were once limited.

Nominations are being accepted from Monday, Jan. 18 through Friday, Feb. 26, 2016. Nominations forms can be downloaded at [www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CCCW](http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CCCW) and sent via email to [CCCW@CharlesCountyMD.gov](mailto:CCCW@CharlesCountyMD.gov) or via U.S. mail to: Charles County Commission for Women, c/o Crystal Hunt, P.O. Box 2150, La Plata, MD 20646. Mailed nominations must be postmarked no later than Feb. 26, 2016. Nominations will be accepted in the following categories:

1. **Government/Politics:** a female trailblazer who has worked or volunteered in government or public service
2. **Law Enforcement:** a female trailblazer who has served in the law enforcement field, i.e., police, security
3. **Education:** a female trailblazer who has worked or volunteered in the education field, i.e., teacher, administrator, professor
4. **Health/Medical:** a female trailblazer who has worked or volunteered in the health or medical field, i.e., doctor, nurse, specialist
5. **Human/Social Services:** a female trailblazer who has worked or volunteered in the human or social services field, i.e., social worker, nonprofit administrator, nonprofit Board member
6. **Entrepreneurship:** a female trailblazer that has established a new, influential business in the County
7. **Science and Technology:** a female trailblazer who has worked or volunteered in the STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) field
8. **Armed Forces:** a female trailblazer that has worked or volunteered in at least one of the branches of the Armed Forces
9. **Young Trailblazer (ages 16 – 21):** a female trailblazer that has done extraordinary things to break the barrier for other young women between the ages of 16 – 21.
10. **Young Trailblazer, Jr. (ages 15 and under):** a female trailblazer that has done extraordinary things to break the barrier for other young women who are age 15 and under.

### **Nomination Requirements:**

1. Charles County resident
2. Female
3. Employment or service of significant impact to Charles County
4. Self-nominations are accepted.
5. Nominations will not be accepted from currently serving elected officials.

### **Nomination Process:**

Once the nomination window is complete, an unbiased selection committee through the Charles County Commission for Women will review all nominations. Applications will be reviewed individually by the committee, and the highest average of each judge's combined scores will determine the Trailblazer awardee in each category. All nominees will be recognized at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala event on April 23, 2016. At that time, the Trailblazer Award winners in each category will be announced.

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## Nomination Form

### Nominee's Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Trailblazer Award Category (*please select one*):

☐ Government/Politics

☐ Law Enforcement

☐ Education

☐ Health/Medical

☐ Human/Social Services

☐ Entrepreneurship

☐ Science and Technology

☐ Armed Forces

☐ Young Trailblazer

☐ Young Trailblazer, Jr.

In 350 words or less, describe the individual challenges and barriers this person had to overcome. What are the long-term positive effects of this person's actions? How will future generations benefit from this person's contributions?

### Nominator's Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_